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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: AGENDA ITEM 10 - ENVIRONMENT - REQUEST
INSTRUCTIONS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION

1. SUMMARY: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP
AT 3 P.M. 21 JULY THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN
PARAGRAPH 6 OF THIS TELEGRAM. US DELEGATION REQUESTS
INSTRUCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FINISHED A LOW KEY, GENERALLY
INNOCUOUS DEBATE (REPORTED SEPARATELY) ON ITEM 10 AND
HEARD SUMMARY REMARKS BY UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOLBA
LATE JULY 20. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF
DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON THE ITEM FOR 6 P.M.

3. QUOTED BELOW AS PARAGRAPH 6 OF THIS TELEGRAM IS A
DRAFT RESOLUTION WRITTEN BY THE UNEP SECRETARIAT AND
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THE KENYAN DELEGATION WHICH WE UNDERSTAND

FROM THE KENYAN'S WILL BE SUBMITTED "WITH A MINOR AMENDMENT" TONIGHT. ACCORDING TO THE KENYANS THE MINOR AMENDMENT WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH URGING ALL COUNTRIES WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNEP'S FUND.

3. THERE ARE ALSO SOME RUMORS THE U.S. DELEGATION HAS PICKED UP THAT ONE OR MORE DELEGATIONS MAY PROPOSE THE ADDITION OF STILL ANOTHER OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH URGING ALL COUNTRIES TO PROMPTLY PAY ALL OF THEIR UNPAID PLEDGES TO UNEP IN ORDER TO HELP IT OVERCOME ITS PRESENT LIQUIDITY CONSTRAINTS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION IS PARTICULARLY CALLED TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 WHICH CONCERNS THE INCLUSION OF ARABIC AS A WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE PLUS THE SUBJECT OF ATTENDANCE OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT THAT CONFERENCE.

5. US DELEGATION REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION.

6. QUOTE

RESOLUTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
(ON THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE)

REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ON ITS FOURTH SESSION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ON THE WORK OF ITS FOUR SESSION (SEE FOOTNOTE 1) AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, INCLUDING THOSE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE PREPARATORY INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY (SEE FOOTNOTE 2) FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION.

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HAVING FURTHER CONSIDERED THE NEED TO ENSURE A CO-ORDINATED APPROACH BETWEEN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIES CONTAINED IN THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AS ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP ON ITS FOURTH SESSION AND THE STATEMENTS MADE THEREON BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP;

2. INVITES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THAT REPORT AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE RELATING TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 5-8 OF DECISION 73 (IV);

3. INVITES THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF DECISION 55 (IV) OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WHICH DEALS WITH THE PREPARATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE;

4. FURTHER INVITES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE COMMENTS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 6 OF ITS REPORT ON THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON CRITERIA GOVERNING MULTILATERAL FINANCING OF HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (A/10225) AND OF THE RELATED NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (UNEP/GC/78).

FOOTNOTE 1: UNEP/GC/35; TRANSMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL UNDER SYMBOL E/5836 AND ADD.1

FOOTNOTE 2: PURSUANT UPON GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3337 (XXIX) ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION" AND 3511 (XXXIX) ENTITLED "UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION".

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